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PROPOSAL FOR NATIONAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to set up National Skill Development Board;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the objectives and functions thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above Board is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a): Government is in the process of setting of a Skill Development Corporation.

(b) & (c): The Finance Minister in his Budget Speech, 2008 has stated as follows: "101. Today, skill development programmes are diffused and administered by a number of Ministries / Departments. I have no intention of interfering with these sector-specific programmes. However, there is a compelling need to launch a world-class skill development programme, in mission mode, that will address the challenge of imparting the skills required by a growing economy. Both the structure and the leadership of the mission must be such that the programme can be scaled up quickly to cover the whole country. Hence, I propose to establish a non-profit corporation and entrust the mission to that corporation. It is my intention to garner about Rs. 15,000 crore as capital from Government, the public and private sector, and bilateral and multilateral sources. I shall begin by putting Rs. 1,000 crore as Government's equity in the proposed non-profit corporation."